

Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/programs/schedule/>

November 2006

Nature Center Hours:
Daily 10:00am-5:00pm

Pioneer Village Hours:
9:00am-5:00pm
Weekends Only

Twin Caves Hours:
Closed for the Season

Grissom Memorial Hours:
Daily 8:30am-4:00pm

Property Mgr: Mark Young

Asst. Property Mgr.: Jon Winne

Interpretive Naturalists: Jill Vance
and Scott Stowers

Pioneer Village Staff: Housekeeper,
Weaver, Leatherworker, Quilter,
Blacksmith, Miller, and Gardener

Program Specialist: Dave Williams

Public programs are designed for individuals and families.

If you will be bringing an organized group, you can contact the Nature Center in advance and schedule a private program just for your group (\$1/person charge). (812) 849-4129

NOTICE: Trails 1 and 5 are currently closed for repairs.

HP-HP *Healthy Parks – Healthy People*

Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.



Look for our hikes and strolls!

Watch for the roving naturalist!



Wednesday, November 1 – Friday, November 3

Let us a little permit Nature to take her own way; she better understands her own affairs than we. ~Michel de Montaigne

Saturday, November 4

Autumn Crafts Day



10am-3pm Autumn Crafts in the Pioneer Village – Create a unique set of autumn crafts! You’ll design a pair of teasel flowers, create a corn husk doll bookmark, put together a set of scented sachets, make a mitten minder, bead a pumpkin pin to wear, and paint a glass tealight candle holder. ***Cost is \$10/person (includes all six crafts); limited to 50 participants.*** Stop by the Gristmill to pick up your craft bag and get started (*no bags sold after 3pm!*). Pioneer Village.

Join us again on November 11th to make a completely different set of autumn crafts!

Sunday, November 5

12:30pm Prior to Plastic – Today’s toy shelves are filled with products that rely on plastic and other modern materials. Learn about the types of materials used to make toys in the 1800s, while making your own pioneer toy to take home. Pioneer Village, Tavern (30 min).

1:30pm Savor the Smell – Enjoy the aroma of a pie baking on the hearth and learn how this traditional dessert was cooked in pioneer times. Pioneer Village, Upper Residence (30 min).

Monday, November 6 – Friday, November 10

I never saw a discontented tree. They grip the ground as though they liked it, and though fast rooted they travel about as far as we do. They go wandering forth in all directions with every wind, going and coming like ourselves, traveling with us around the sun two million miles a day, and through space heaven knows how fast and far! ~John Muir

Saturday, November 11 *Autumn Crafts Day & Craft Show at Spring Mill Inn*

Spend the whole day at Spring Mill State Park! Spend half of your day browsing the craft show to purchase handmade, locally-produced gifts and the other half in the Pioneer Village crafting gifts with your own hands. Enjoy lunch in between at the Millstone Dining Room in the Spring Mill Inn.

9am-4pm Craft Show at Spring Mill Inn – Browse selections of handmade, locally-produced gifts at 40 different booths! Explore the unique and beautiful arts and crafts and find the perfect gift for someone special. Don't forget to also stop at the Inn's own gift shop – filled to the brim with collectibles, clothing, decorations, and other items. Spring Mill Inn, Lakeview Room (upper level) and Game Room (lower level).

10am-3pm Autumn Crafts in the Pioneer Village – Create a unique set of autumn crafts! You'll craft a fall cornhusk bouquet, make an autumn gourd poke, dip a candle, create a cattail decoration, design a fall potpourri bag, and punch a maple leaf out of tin. ***Cost is \$10/person (includes all six crafts); limited to 50 participants.*** Stop by the Gristmill to pick up your craft bag and get started (*no bags sold after 3pm!*). Pioneer Village.

Join us again on November 18th
to create a set of Thanksgiving Crafts!

Sunday, November 12

11:30am Felt Doll Craft – Stitch together a simple felt doll (with a bit of potpourri hidden inside) to accent your winter kitchen. Pioneer Village, Weaver's Shop (30 min).

1:00pm Fabric Wreaths – Pioneer women were skilled in making sure that nothing went to waste. Learn how you can recycle your fabric scraps into a simple wreath to decorate for the season. Pioneer Village, Meeting House (45 min).

Monday, November 13 – Friday, November 17

The tree is more than first a seed, then a stem,
then a living trunk, and then dead timber.

The tree is a slow, enduring force
straining to win the sky.


~Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Saturday, November 18 Thanksgiving Crafts Day

10am-3pm Thanksgiving Crafts in the Pioneer Village – Get your home ready for the holiday by making a set of Thanksgiving crafts. Bead a pair of napkin rings, create a pair of cornhusk Indians, craft a yarn turkey, string a harvest garland, make a thanksgiving bundle, and assemble a set of four pilgrim ship place markers. ***Cost is \$10/person (includes all six crafts); limited to 50 participants.*** Stop by the Gristmill to pick up your craft bag and get started (*no bags sold after 3pm!*). Pioneer Village.

Join us again on November 24th and 25th for Holiday Crafts!

Sunday, November 19 Thanksgiving in the Village

 **10am-4pm Celebrate Thanksgiving in the Pioneer Village** – Watch as pioneer reenactors prepare and enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner and learn about what may have been on the menu for Thanksgiving 1863. Recipes and historical trivia about Thanksgiving in the 1800s will be available. Pioneer Village.

Monday, November 20 – Thursday, November 23

The Nature Center and Grissom Memorial will be closed on Thursday, November 23.

Friday, November 24 Holiday Crafts Day

10am-3pm Holiday Crafts in the Pioneer Village – Get in the spirit of the holiday season and join us in the Pioneer Village to make a set of holiday crafts! You'll make a braided jute heart ornament, teasel mouse ornament, miniature wreath, Victorian potpourri ornament, spool doll, and a glittering steel icicle. ***Cost is \$10/person (includes all six crafts); limited to 50 participants.*** Stop by the Gristmill to pick up your craft bag and get started (*no bags sold after 3pm!*). Pioneer Village.


Join us again tomorrow for a different set of Holiday Crafts!

*Join us for Holiday in the Village
on December 1st and 2nd*

Saturday, November 25 Holiday Crafts Day

10am-3pm Holiday Crafts in the Pioneer Village – Get in the spirit of the holiday season and join us in the Pioneer Village to make a set of holiday crafts! You'll create a clothespin angel, pine cone fire starters, glycerin holiday soaps, lace bow ornament, cinnamon stick tree ornament, and a miniature birdhouse ornament. ***Cost is \$10/person (includes all six crafts); limited to 50 participants.*** Stop by the Gristmill to pick up your craft bag and get started (*no bags sold after 3pm!*). Pioneer Village.

Sunday, November 26

10:00am  **A Different Kind of Thanksgiving** – If you were an animal or plant, what would you be thankful for? We'll explore the cycles of Nature that our forest residents depend on to survive and discuss how humans can help them have a happier holiday season. Meet in front of the Grissom Memorial (45 min). **HP-HP**

1:00pm **Full of Possibilities** – Craft a small bag out of red or green leather (it could make a great gift bag to hold one of the holiday crafts that you made on Friday or Saturday!) and learn what these “possible bags” might have been used for in pioneer times. Pioneer Village, Leatherworker's Shop (30 min).

Monday, November 27 – Thursday, November 30

There is a privacy about it which no other season gives you.... In spring, summer and fall people sort of have an open season on each other; only in the winter, in the country, can you have longer, quiet stretches when you can savor belonging to yourself. ~Ruth Stout